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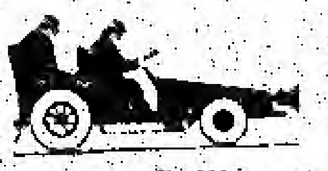

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By K. W.

Temperance . . . . Alcohol is an old chemical compound, which evokes varying reactions in all of us. Some of us can take it, othersr can't. Some of us can take it, others can't. Become noisy, others **sleepy**.

Broadly speaking, however, we can distinguish two classifications of Nisei, who usually find a use for "happy water" at most of our public social functions.

To some, temperance is admittedly a virtue, but a virtue relegated to the background by those who want to "get away from it all." Lacking the necessary imagination to forget the creaks and squeaks of this mortal coil, they have to oil themselves, to smooth away all the petty blemishes of life. Actually, of course, the effect of alcohol is simply to deaden the higher brain centres, the grey matter we use to think with, and not being able to think, we find enjoyment in expression of the senses.

On the other hand there are those to whom temperance is an unknown virtue. For the most part, many of our young men seem to lack the intelligence necessary to enjoyment or to have a good time, except "under the influence." In their case, the higher brain centres are usually dead before they begin, so that actually the alcohol stimulates the lower centres, making them morer sensitive in reaction to differing stimuli.

Both groups have one thing in common . . . glorious opportunity to release the magnificent personality they have to suppress in daily life. Then it is indeed, that a man can express his ego to an admiring world—inspired horseplay, valiant truculence, mellifluous oratory, golden-voiced singing.

And in the final analysis, as long as you fool yourself and know in your heart of hearts that you are a great, dominating personality, does it really matter if everyone else in the community knows that actually you're an overgrown child with an 8-year old mentality, who should be given castor oil and locked in the bathroom.

On The Newsfront

Japanese School Teachers To Discuss Loyalty Stand

VANCOUVER. — Japanese School teachers will convene at the Alexander Street School November 24 to affirm their loyalty to Canada in these troubled times, and will discuss courses taught at the school to eliminate any teachings, if any, that may be harmful to the ideals of true Canadian citizenship among the Nisei pupils.

Dr. George Ishiwara, Shota Kondo and Kunio Shimizu will attend the conference to submit representations from the JCCL.

Nisei Appointed Liquor Inspector in 'Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO.—Husky George Takeda was appointed a Federal liquor inspector last week, receiving the appointment in open civil service competition against 1600 candidates.

Rigid tests included firing a pistol while driving a car 50 miles per hour. Takeda hit four bull's eyes out of five. In a demonstration of overcoming a lawbreaker, he subdued a wrestling instructor with the use of judo.

JACL Prexy Declares American Nisei Loyal

SAN FRANCISCO. — There isn't the slightest doubt about the loyalty of American citizens of Japanese ancestry. This was the emphatic statement of Saburo Kido, president of the Japanese American Citizens League, in a radio speech here.

Charity Concert Revue Mooted by JCCL

VANCOUVER. — Possibility of staging a Nisei Talent Revue Contest in January under auspices of the Vancouver JCCL was raised this week. Proceeds of the concert would be devoted to the anti-tuberculosis work of the Welfare Federation.

Poppies Sell Like Hotcakes in Community

Nisei girls braved the chill of winter last Saturday to sell poppies along Powell Street. So enthusiastic was public response that the initial quantity of some 700 poppies was rapidly sold, and an additional quantity disappeared in short order.

Helping in the work were Misses Chiyo Yanagizawa, Florence Ikeda, Sachiko Takimoto, Nana Yamamoto, Fusako Inose, and Bessie Nakazawa.

Nisei Again Pledge Loyalty to Canada

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Canadian-born Japanese enthusiastically upheld a pledge of loyalty to Canada and Great Britain and re-affirmed unhesitating support of Canada's war effort, at the fifth annual convention of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League here last week-end.

DR. NORMAN F. BLACK

Recognition of his untiring services in behalf of the JCCL was given to Dr. Black at the recent convention when he was elected an honorary member of the League.

Prominent in education circles in British Columbia and editor of "The B. C. Teacher," Dr. Black has acted as judge in three national oratorical contests, and as adjudicator in three essay contests.

The resolution was one of several adopted after two days of discussion on the convention theme, "How Best Can We Serve Canada?"

Delegates to the convention expressed their willingness to serve in Canada's armed forces, and placed a recommendation before the National JCCL to study possibilities for a single nationality drive.

Also advanced at the convention was a proposal for reorganization of the League along lines of a federation of Nisei organizations in place of the present set-up.

Short Story Contest

Eiko Henmi was awarded first prize for her story, "Let Her Keep Her Dreams," in the short story contest sponsored by the League in connection with the annual convention. Second prize winner was Mrs. E. Kitagawa, with a character study, "The Old Lady." Third prize winner was Peter Yamada, whose story was entitled, "The Time Will Come."

Oratorical Contest

Thomas Tamaki of Sunbury won the national oratorical contest sponsored by the JCCL

See "JCCL," Page 5.

Dominion-Provincial Relations

J.S.C. Hears Story of Sirois Report

A vivid insight into the many complexities facing the development of a united Canadian nation was afforded members of the University Japanese Students' Club, when they heard the inside story of the investigations of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations from Prof. H. F. Angus, British Columbia member of the Commission.

Describing many odd and amusing incidents of the Commission, Mr. Angus revealed the months of investigation and research behind the three volumes of the Rowell-Sirois report, which today holds the centre of political interest in the Dominion, and which may provide the framework for s w e e p i n g constitutional changes in Canada.

"Most provinces," he said, "were more than willing to cooperate with the Commission representing many briefs for study." Different geographical sections of Canada had their own problems to present before the investigators and sometimes the interests of one section clashed with the interests of others. It was the difficult task of the Commission members to try to solve these problems.

With the beginning of this new war in Europe last fall at the time of the compilation of the report, the Commission members were confronted by the problem of whether they were to present the recommendations to fit the war needs or present the report as they had already drafted it. The Commissioners felt that the war had not made any appreciable difference to the fundamental problems facing Canada and decided to present the report without changes.

Naganobu Again National Leader

Harry Naganobu was re-elected to head the national executive of the League at a luncheon meeting of the National Council, Monday.

Assisting him on the executive will be Hideo Onotera, Sunbury, first vice-president; Muss Okamoto, Victoria, second vice-president; Edward Kitagawa, treasurer; Kazuko Kagawa, recording secretary; and Dr. George Ishiwara, executive secretary, all of Vancouver.

Constitutional changes introduced provide that each League Chapter not already represented on the executive may name its own representative, and that the president of Vancouver Chapter automatically assumes a position on the executive. Chemainus, Steveston, Sea Island, Mission, and Maple Ridge are thus entitled to name additional executive members.

Japanese Flayed In Prairie Paper

WINNIPEG.—A vitriolic attack upon Japanese Canadians has appeared in the magazine section of the Winnipeg Free Press of last Saturday, headed "Rising Sun Sinks in West" by Morton L. Bennet.

In a 3000-word article, the writer declares that peaceful penetration of west coast industries by Japanese has aroused strong counter-action among British Columbia citizens. "The Pacific Coast is aroused and the Rising Sun, once strong, is now sinking in the west," writes Bennet.

The mighty tide of public opinion is rolling against the Jap," Bennet writes, and "Send them back to where they came from is the cry along the coast."

Patriotic Services Now Winding Up

Consul Donates $150; Powell Lumber $200

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Officials of the Japanese Branch of the Vancouver Welfare Association are wholly satisfied that when complete returns from the Patriotic Services Appeal are audited, they will be able to fatten the wind-up banquet of the drive to report their $3500 quota filled.

Returns reported during the week brought district canvassing totals to $1500, with one district yet to report— while incomplete returns from three of the four special committees showed some $1400 to date.

Heading the list of large donations from business and industry was a donation of $200 from Powell Lumber and Fuel. The company first donated $50, but contributed an additional $150 on Thursday.

Consul Donates

Heading the list of private donations was the Consul for Japan, Hon. Kenji Nakauchi, with $150.

Something in the nature of a record was set by Marpole District canvassed by the Marpole Japanese Language School Society, and one of the East Hastings areas covered by the Meiwa Gakuen, both of which raised five times the amount this year over last.

Two Kitsilano districts also indicated a 200 per cent increase over last year's quota.

Drive on Time

Secretary Kunio Shimizu expressed gratification over the fact that the Japanese Drive this year is winding up about two months ahead of all previous years. "In the face of the increased quota realized this year," he said, "tribute must be given to all the community associations who co-operated so actively in this year's drive."

He said he felt that the quota of $3500 was just about the maximum that could be raised under the present system from the Japanese community.

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First Generation Loyal

The quality of loyalty and good citizenship is rarely if ever determined solely by accidents of racial origin or of place of birth. It is an emotion which springs from far more significant factors than geography or surface-biological characteristics. It is a psychological response to all the training and experience which a man goes through from birth to death. It springs from family background and teaching, from formal education, from acquired habits and customs, from impressions and reactions, from everything important and unimportant woven into the fabric man's daily life. Loyalty is an individual response to environment, and the mere fact of biology in itself is perhaps the least important factor in its determination.

Translated here from the "Tairiku Nippo," the Japanese daily press, is an excerpt from an editorial demonstrating the quality of loyalty. It indicates for all those who care to read, that even in Japanese immigrants years of life in Canada have evoked an emotional response to environment—an emotion of love and loyalty, of responsibility and the willingness to give to the service of their adopted country that which is assuredly dearest to them, their own children.

"Recently a prominent member of the community in addressing a meeting in Steveston declared that he had two sons, subject to military constription in Canada. He said that they were willing to serve, and he himself wholeheartedly agreed that they should do so.

"The writer has two sons who are not in the age group subject to call; but if they were, he would take the same attitude as the above mentioned citizen.

"For even a person who is not naturalized as a citizen of a country, if he lives peacefully within its borders, enjoying the fruits of good government, should support by every possible means the emergency efforts of the country when faced with a state of war. That assuredly is a natural duty.

"The Nisei then who is born in this country, and educated in this country, should give even more wholehearted support than one who is an alien. Such is the only attitude possible.

"Our second generation in British Columbia have no franchise, they are barred from certain occupations, discrimination against them is rampant, their loyalty is mistrusted. All this is attributable to their racial origin, and to international complications. It would seem unfortunate but inevitable.

"But the Nisei should forget these things of the past, and give their fullest support to a war-time Canada. It is up to the Nisei to prove that they are just as loyal as any other Canadian, ordinary citizen or highest government official. In that way lies their hope for recognition as full Canadians."

LONDON

Above the din of traffic [illegible]
A robin's happy notes. He sang
Against the strife. When that ceased
He still sang on, a little priest
Of light, his ministry a song
Of light, [illegible]

—E. N.

Re-Organization

A proposal deserving the most careful consideration of second generation leaders was advanced at the recent convention of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League, calling for the establishment of a central council, to which all Nisei organizations would send accredited delegates.

Such a council, it was suggested, would be able to deal much more effectively and strongly with the numerous problems that the League now attempts to handle. It would be more truly representative of the second generation, would command wider prestige, and could seek unstinted support from vastly many more Nisei.

On paper the suggestion has undoubted appeal. The need for second generation unity has never been more apparent than today. And the Nisei themselves are beginning to recognize the value of the work carried out by the Citizens' League Movement in furthering the welfare of all Japanese Canadians.

But there are enormous practical difficulties to be overcome in the formation of such a federation of Nisei organizations—and the acceptance of the scheme would be tantamount to an admission that the original plan of League to become an all-embracing body, in which each and every second generation might freely participate as individuals, has not been fulfilled.

Certainly it is too dangerous a step at the moment to attempt the immediate replacement of the present organization with an experimental structure, to place the responsibilities shouldered by the Citizens' League in the past in the hands of an untried and inexperienced council.

Probably the safest policy is the organization of a proposed council, under the sponsorship of the JCCL chapter as at present constituted. There is much to be said for the ideal of every second generation joining as an individual—but there is equally as much to be said concerning the apparent failure of the Vancouver chapter particularly to secure support from all second generation. Certainly any proposal to secure a greater degree of unity among all of us is worthy of the most serious thought.

Ad Finem

Break down these barriers,
That shut us from this narrow road,
Stumbling and crawling
We climb this steep and roughened way,
Rest we'll not 'til the summit attained.
For us, the Niseis,
March and fight on.
These ever-burdened griefs
Seek to escape and flow
Through thee, my channelless soul.
But, brush away those tears and bear the charge;
Grasp the torch and hold it high.
"Quick, quench the fire!" they cry;
But from the dying glow
Leaps forth a bounding flame!
Strive, Niseis,
Fight on!

—The Unknown Poet

Just November

Gone is the gay, brave defiance, the flamboyance of colour, the bustling activity that was October's. Now in November the world lies quiescent, steeped in leaden grey—grey, sullen skies, grey shadows that lurk in the depths of fast-dropping twilights, grey mists that emerge out of nowhere to hang like a cloudy pall over town and field and mountain.

November is the dreariest month of the year. It promises no wild exhilaration, no teasing enchantment. It does not lure one with strange sounds . . . like the sudden whir of birds in flight to the Southland, the heavy pit-pat of rain upon the roof, the plaintive blowing of October winds, the rustling frenzy of falling autumn leaves.

No, November is a practical month. Now the busy housewife glances anxiously at the calendar and notes how swiftly the days wing by and eyes with some consternation that Christmas is but a few weeks hence, that cakes must be baked, presents bought and sent out. It is the month too, when men begin taking stock of their inventories, note depreciation, and begin his tour of inspection for new shiny cars to replace the old.

November is the greyest month of the year, the most quiescent month of the year, when man, forced into practical ways, realizes that October is a wonderful month and December is just around the corner.

"How Best Can We Serve Canada?"

More and more Niseis are becoming increasingly aware of the heavy responsibilities facing them as Japanese Canadians and are shouldering, or at least showing a willingness to assume, more of the burden of citizenship borne hitherto by their parents.

This frame of mind was perhaps the most significant note that was sounded in the welter of discussion and debate that took place at the JCCL Nisei convention. For it must be recognized that from now on it will be the Nisei and not the Issei who will have to work out many of the problems facing Japanese Canadians.

Tenor of Discussion

Another interesting angle of the gathering was the fact that much of the debate was carried on in both English and Japanese. This fact contributed to a wide range of viewpoints, dispelled the possibility that the opinions of any one group would be reported as those held by all the delegates, and made for a high standard of discussion. The excellent reports which were presented at the plenary session bore this point out.

Pros and cons on all matters were heard, views were frankly and fearlessly exchanged. There was no beating around the bush, no evasive spirit. The willingness to thrash out matters, agreeable or disagreeable, was demonstrated.

ATTITUDE OF NISEIS TOWARDS CANADA

On the question, "How Can We Best Serve Canada?" there was a unanimity of opinion that the interests of the Japanese Canadians should wait should that contribute to the more efficient prosecution of the war.

The undercurrent feeling that the future of the majority of the Nisei lies here in Canada flowed strongly coming to surface again and again. Canada is the Nisei's mother country. They will love her and abide by her laws as a child will love his own parents. Japan occupies the position of a "relative" country, so to speak, in the second generation's hearts, and the affection the Nisei bear for her differs accordingly.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Strictly from the business point of view, the young people still do not know how to conduct meetings properly. Thanks to the chairmanship, discussion and business matters proceeded in orderly and coherent fashion, but the majority of the delegates showed that they were ill-acquainted with the workings of parliamentary procedure.

This subject offers a concrete, practical and necessary piece of work which not only the JCCL but other Nisei organizations could well tackle.

Although the JCCL came in for a good deal of scathing criticism, signs of healthy growth in the organization were evident. Just as the older Nisei present at the conference have taken their place in the community by the side of the Issei, so the younger people are gradually assuming responsible positions in the work of the JCCL. The inevitable change from the old to the new, where the experienced tried and true older ones are replaced by inexperienced and untested younger ones, a change that accompanies growth of any kind, was manifested and points to a promising future.

Thinking Machine

This My Window

By Shinobu Higashi

THE tinkle of a bell sounds beneath my window. It is only the bean-paste pedlar, but the sound evokes a flood of memories—of frosty mornings on school re-openings, of last minute rushes to be on time, of the inward joy afforded by new books, new pencils and the nostalgic smell of classrooms done over.

Every day he passes, advertising the wares that he would sell—one of an army of hawkers, pedlars, vendors and itinerent store-keepers that infest the cities of the Orient.

And unawares, the cry of these men has worked itself into one's heart. The haunting melody of the noodle man at night is unforgettable. Unconsciously, as night flows over the city, one looks forward to the pathos of a melody in minor key, in pentatonic mode. The lugubrious "kutsi-naoshi" voiced in long drawn-out agony by the shoe repairer, the quaint Pied Piper of Hamelin squeaking of the two-stringed Chinese violin of the violin vendor, or the impertinent cry of the shameless ragman are all rich in associations.

Who can forget the steaming huddle around the chestnut man in Hankow streets in sub-zero weather as the insistent cry of "kuri-kuri" pierces the cold-bound air? Or who is not tempted by the self-effacing "janguis" of the sweet-potato man that would sell you the secret potent against all cold?

The ice-cake seller, the flower pedlar, or the confection vendor have all developed cries of their own; the tone of their voices, the swing of their invitation to buy, have in time become adapted to the nature of the wares that they would sell. The rich "hana" of the flower man would never do in selling fish. The rhythmic surge of the water-melon hawker could never attract the cold-oppressed purchaser of chestnuts.

And so down the whole gamut of sounds, and shades and overtones, the pedlar has chosen and developed his distinguishing cry. Here is the material for a colorful tone-poem. It awaits but another Van Dieren to be immortalized into a Manchu Symphony.

And the bell of the "tofu-ya" falters and tinkles, falters and again tinkles, while somewhere down the street an utterly prosaic and utilitarian housewife orders her bean-paste for the morning "miso" soup, oblivious to the charm and the wistful beauty of the tinkling bell.

"Niseis Need Tolerance, — People of Canada Will Be Fair" — Norris

Noted K.C. Guest Speaker at JCCL Banquet

VANCOUVER, B. C. —Pleading to the second generation to exercise charity and tolerance in the face of intolerance, T. G. Norris, K.C., honorary member of the J.C.C.L., voiced to delegates at the convention banquet Monday evening his pride over the manner in which Japanese Canadians are serving Canada.

"Work together for the common good," he urged, "For the welfare of Canada first and for your own group second. In the long run the people of Canada will be fair; and accept you when you have completed your campaign of education."

Quoting from the historic document of Magna Charta, which guarantees right and justice in British law, the guest speaker declared that in British Columbia it might seem "that our laws are very negation of many of the principles contained in the charter."

Charitable View.

But he asked the Nisei to view their disabilities with charity—as an exception to the rule of justice; throwing into sharp relief the advantages of freedom and democracy. He drew a pertinent parallel between the struggle of Catholics in Great Britain, barred because of their religious beliefs from the exercise of the franchise as late as the latter part of the 19th century, and the struggle of the second generation in B. C.

Referring to the convention theme, "How best can we serve Canada?", Mr. Norris told delegates that "It is for you to be tolerant. Where there is intolerance against you, let there be tolerance on your part."

"I am proud of the way in which you are serving Canada," he declared, "Proud of the way in which you have conducted yourselves under extreme provocation."

Maintain Record.

Carry on as good and useful citizens, he advised, maintaining your record for observance of the law, continuing your support of the war effort, and giving such personal service in any capacity possible.

Touching upon the Citizens' League itself, the speaker felt that it tended to diffuse its efforts into too many channels, and was lacking in aggressive driving leadership. "Get behind a strong leader and carry on with tireless effort and a singleness of purpose," he exhorted.

Chairman of the banquet attended by 70-odd delegates was Edward T. Ouchi. Among the guests were Prof. H. F. Angus, the three oratorical contest judges, Dr. Norman F. Black, Rev. K. Shimizu and Carleton Clay, Miss Margaret Black and R. Cromar Bruce of the News-Herald.

Cultural Appreciation Still Only Basis For International Friendship

By Staff Writer

ONE of the oldest traditions which has grown up in the very short history of the second generation is the belief that some day, in some way, American and Canadian-born Japanese might render great service to their own countries, to the land of their ancestry, in fact to the whole world in the construction of that "bridge of cultural understanding spanning the Pacific." Perhaps in the minds of most people today, the practical realities of economic existence and political developments have long since pushed that belief into the background, made of it only a vague, shadowy, unattainable dream.

But there is much evidence to show that that ideal, actually is a very real and attainable one, and despite (or perhaps rather because of) the ravages of political storms is still the only hope for a genuine and lasting friendship in the Pacific area.

Writing in a recent issue of the Orient Pictorial, Tamon Mayeda, director of the Japan Institute in Rockefeller Centre, New York, gives a short resume of studies made of Japanese culture and the outstanding American scholars responsible for them. He predicts a new period of development, in which awakened interest in the Orient generally, will cause the general public to pay far more attention to Japan and her culture than has been the case to date.

MANY outstanding studies have been made in the United States, chiefly by scholars in academic institutions, who have devoted considerable time to investigation of cultural, economic and political conditions. The earliest students, for the most part, were handicapped by the language barrier, but today a younger generation with a mastery of the language is opening the way for even more searching and penetrating study. Among these are Dr. Edwin Reischauer, a specialist in Oriental History, of the Yenching University Institute, Harvard University, who reads both Japanese and classical Chinese. Another is Prof. Charles B. Fahs, of Pomona College, Los Angeles, whose paper, "Recent Trends in Japanese Government" revealed a mastery of the complications in the present Japanese economic system. A third is Dr. Norman, formerly of Harvard, but now a member of the staff of the Canadian Legation in Tokyo. He has written an outstanding work on economic changes in Japan from the Tokugawa period to the Meiji era.

Most of the great universities have courses in the Japanese language and culture. Columbia U. in New York, for instance, is noted for its library of 30,000 volumes on Japan. Sir George Sanson, author of the most authoritative history of Japanese culture and a recent visitor to Vancouver, is now attached to the staff of this university.

Harvard U. is noted for its Yenching Institute, and has in addition Dr. Langdon Warner, keeper of the Oriental Collection in the Fogg Museum. Dr. Albert Hindmarsh teaches far eastern politics, while Dr. J. S. Scumpeter, one of the best-known women economists of the day, has made detailed studies of Japan's internal economic structure.

Yale U. possesses Dr. K. Asakawa, who along with Porf. Ichihashi of Stanford, is considered one of the two greatest Japanese scholars in Japanese studies in the United States. In the Middle West more and more colleges are organized departments of Oriental studies, while Pacific Coast State Universities are devoting increased effort and expenditure to Japanese culture and study.

This academic attention to the Far East unfortunately has no concrete or notable parallel in Canadian universities. Nevertheless there are a large number of scholars in Canada deeply interested in the Far East, and the Canadian Institute of International Affairs has published a number of books by Canadian authors relating to our position in the Pacific. Certainly the day is not too far distant when serious attention must be given to the prospect of establishing a Department of Oriental Studies, say for instance, at the University of British Columbia.

THE fault with this system of academic study is that it reaches a very limited number of people. Studies carried out by Harvard University indicate that in the United States only about one to one and a half per cent of the social studies program in secondary schools is concerned with any aspect of the Far Eastern world. The typical pupil spends less than one per cent of his social studies time on this subject.

Greater emphasis upon the Far East in our secondary schools is probably the most immediate need if an appreciation of Oriental culture is to be more widespread in Canada or the United States.

Mr. Mayeda points out that a serious factor hampering the proper growth of the interest of the American people in Japanese culture is the prejudice fostered against it by their present political opinions. Because they disapprove of Japanese policy, they conclude that Japanese culture is not worthy of study. But for those who have some to love and understand Japan and its culture as such political events cannot rob the country of its appeal. More often than not their depth of understanding leads them to grasp and sympathize with the country's problems and aids.

"It is obvious then that only genuine cultural contact, and not propaganda is the basis for lasting friendship and understanding between countries; that those of us who wish for good relations in the Pacific area should do our best to help promote interest in Japanese culture in the west," declares Mr. Mayeda. The Japan Institute was established with this purpose in view in New York City two years ago. Its function is to furnish objective materials and information to students of things Japanese, and invites requests for such data on any aspect of Japan conceivable. As such it is perhaps a mainspring today of this process of implanting cultural understanding of Japan in the West.

Bussei Mag Sets High Standard

The anniversary number, "Kogen," published by the Canada League of Young Buddhist Associations rolled off the press recently.

Containing well over ninety pages of reading material alone and many illustrations depicting the activities of the Bussei, the magazine attests to hours of painstaking work and planning by the editor, Kiichi Yamamoto, League president, and his editorial assistants.

Featured are articles submitted by members of the League from Maple Ridge, Steveston, New Westminster, Skeena District, Kelowna, Marpole and Vancouver, as well as pieces by prominent citizens.

Reorganized Mission Seinenkai Will Function As Local JCCL Chapter

MISSION CITY, B.C.—Malcolm K. Fukami was elected president at the annual meeting, November 10 of the Mission Seinenkai, organized from the amalgamation last spring of the Mission Chapter of the JCCL and the Mission Japanese Farmers' Association.

The annual meeting was opened by an address from C. Kunimoto, former president, followed by reports from the secretary and treasurer. A new constitution was drawn up and adopted.

Under the constitution the name, "Mission Seinenkai" was chosen, although the organization will function as a chapter of the JCCL. Its objects are to foster good citizenship, to protect and further the welfare of Japanese Canadians, to co-operate with the Farmers' Association, and any other community organization for the benefit of Mission district.

All Nisei over 16 years are eligible at a membership fee of 50c. Meetings are to be held at least once a month from October to April, and at other times when required.

Assisting the president will be the following elected executive:

Tadashi Saito, vice-president; Mitsuo Hayashi, secretary; Roy Senda, treasurer; S. Tsuji, entertainment chairman; George Ikebuchi, agricultural chairman; Yutaka Ogawa, oratorical chairman; and Roland Kudo, sports chairman.

After adjournment of the meeting refreshments were served and an interesting address given by the former president.

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TOWN TOPICS

GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK!
Friends of Kunio Hidaka, recent graduate from the Department of Economics at the local university were at Union Wharf on Wednesday evening to wish him goodbye and good luck.
Mr. Hidaka is to be employed at Ocean Falls.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Miss Martha Hoji, winner of the Bussei Oratorical Contest, will be feted at a social to be given by the girls of the Shuyokai this Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

SHUYOKAI MEETING
The members of the Shuyokai Girls' Club will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, November 17th, commencing 9:30 a.m. The girls will continue the study of the art of flower arrangement.

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ALTAR BOUND
At a quiet service on Saturday, November 9th, Akiko, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Akase, 141 W. 2nd Avenue, exchanged marriage vows with Senya Mori, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Mori. A reception was later held at Sun Pekin in honour of the bride and groom.

A DEFINITE REMINDER
A special meeting of the Nisei Drama Club has been arranged for Sunday, November 17th, commencing 8 p.m. at Carleton Clay's Studio on Georgia Street. As vital matters are to be discussed in connection with play production, every member is urgently requested to attend.

BON VOYAGE!
Missed by music lovers as well as his friends will be Mr. Satoshi Nakamura, well-known Nisei baritone, who sailed Tuesday noon aboard the Heian Maru, for an indefinite stay in Japan.

KITCHEN SHOWER
Miss Kimiye Sakauye, who is to be married to Mr. Fumio Kuramoto on November 26th, was the guest of members of the Marietta School at a surprise kitchen shower and luncheon on Wednesday, November 13th.
Miss Sakauye was presented with a beautiful four-strand pearl necklace, a wedding gift from the girls.

WINNERS
Among the lucky ticket holders for the Rissho Girls' Club Raffle sponsored recently were Masao Hashiguchi, Woodfibre (764); Hideko Endow, Vancouver (771); K. Fukushima, Woodfibre (968); S. Nishimura, Woodfibre (836); Y. Mimori, Woodfibre (900); Kiyoko Saruyama, Vancouver (353); Mrs. Kawano, Vancouver (388); Lucky Me, Vancouver (673); T. Komeoka, Vancouver (682); K. Fukushima, Woodfibre (807); S. Tashiro, Woodfibre (115); K. Suzuki, Vancouver (619).

SAYONARA BALL
Honoured guests at the Sayonara Ball which climaxed the Fifth Annual JCCL Convention, held at Alma Academy on November 11th, were Consul Kenji Nakauchi and Madame Nakauchi.
One of the most successful and enjoyable events of the fall season, this ball attracted dancers from such places as Sunbury, Haney, New Westminster, Ocean Falls, and Victoria, as well as local dance lovers.

HONEYMOONING
Week-end visitors to the city were Mr. and Mrs. Kaname Izumi (nee Miss Chiyoko Hashimoto) of Chemainus, who were married last Saturday afternoon.

JUNIOR CHURCH
Topic of Rev. K. Shimizu's sermon at Junior Church this coming Sunday evening will be "What Happens in Worship?" Miss Kathleen Shimotakahara is soloist.

CALENDAR

17—Annual Fall Bussei Convention, Hompa Temple.
19—Strathcona Badminton Club Roller Party, Happyland, 35c.
23—Vancouver Youth Council Dance, Hotel Georgia, 8 p.m.
23—Fairview YMBA Concert, Japanese Hall.
30—Fuji Ski Social, Hastings Auditorium, 25c.
30—Nisei Players, Carleton Clay Studios, 8.15 p.m.

Femme-Fare

By Cinderella

Dearest Mickey:

It's all over now, and it's been the most hectic week-end. D'ya know, Mickey, it's the first time that I've felt anything like regret at the close of a convention, especially a JCCL convention? Remember last year's convention? How you and Don and I came over to Vancouver, terribly excited, terribly elated, and with great expectations, and how awfully disappointed we were at the evident lack of interest and support? And how I vowed I'd never come out to another? Well, I'm awfully glad I was persuaded to come.

(O, we never did anything very spectacular, mind you, or created any furore in the local press. As far as the franchise question was concerned, I guess the convention didn't even evoke a chance ripple which would greatly change the tides of Nisei life right now, but the manner in which the whole convention programme, especially the discussion periods, were conducted, and what the delegates said, showed me that the Niseis are growing up. The way the delegates stood up and voiced their opinions, and the nature of their opinions, idealistic at times, but always tolerant, generous, and essentially "Canadian," even in these times when they are experiencing more than their share of prejudice and criticism, prove that Niseis are not always thinking in terms of good times, but that under their carefree exterior, often verging on irresponsibility, they are thinking deeply.)

Whew! Am I becoming philosophical or something! Before I lose my reputation for being a gay person, I'd better stop.

I had a marvellous time at the Sayonara Ball. Heck, what's a few hours' beauty sleep, more or less? What if my one and only pair of black slippers shine like headlights at the toes? It was a scrumptious evening! And if I ever said that Nisei boys lacked courtesy, I take it all back, although don't you dare breathe a word to this effect to anyone! Promise? My estimation of the boys has gone up 50 per cent . . . no, a hundred per cent! I'm proud of them because they remembered to save one dance for the guests of honour; because they never left us stranded in the middle of the floor; because they pitched in and helped the programme committee; because they were never loud or slangy; because they made it their particular mission to be sociable and not remain attached to one group; and because . . . er . . . they escorted us instead of being escorted by us, to the ball . . . in short, despite it being leap year, they were gentlemen to the hilt!

O Mickey, do go and see "They Knew What They Wanted." It's a triangle story, but so very moving. For once, I saw Carole Lombard as an actress of great dramatic ability, and not as the wife of He-Man Gable. And Laughton, who in "Jamaica Inn" and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," though versatile, slipped a little as an actor, comes back into his own with his artistic characterization of a fat, old, Italian farmer engaged to a young girl. Realism, passion, drama—rising to moments of sheer poetic beauty and pathetic tenderness.

Before I forget, here's a poem for your little note-book. It's a mere trifle but significant, don't you think, of a gracious lady. I memorized it. It goes . . . Heavens, I must still be suffering from the aftereffects of the Sayonara Ball, for I can't seem to remember . . . if I had forty winks if . . . if . . .

P. S.—I must have fallen asleep! So sorry. Here's the poem. Rather cute, don't you think?

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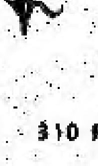
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"Although I have not had the opportunity of meeting ...th as many Niseis as I would have liked to, I have been ...uch impressed by the loyalty and high-mindedness of ...ose whom I have met," declared Misaki Shimadzu to ...he New Canadian. The general secretary of the Japan...e Y.M.C.A. at Shanghai and an earnest Christian work... ever since his conversion to Christianity at the age of ... he has been granted a leave of absence and is revisit...g friends and scenes of his former activities.

Mr. Shimadzu was gen...ral secretary for the Japan...se Y.M.C.A. at Chicago for ...21 years until 1934, coming ...into contact with over 7500 young men from Japan. Countless numbers owe much of their present suc...cessful careers to him.

While in Chicago the social ...worker was instrumental in ...bringing about a happy mar...riage between two students, ...ne of whom was a Japanese ...nd the other a Chinese girl. The two who had fallen deeply in love with each other while completing their studies in sociology at Northwestern were not only encouraged in their affection by Mr. Shim...adzu in the face of many ob...jections but were united in marriage through his kind offices seven years ago, and are still leading a happy married life in Japan.

After working in the United States for 30 years, the genial secretary was called to his present post in Shanghai where he has been working wonders with his wife—creating a host of Chinese friends and accomplishing much social, religious and educational work.

Arriving in Vancouver Tuesday, Mr. Shimadzu spoke at the Holy Cross Church the same evening, at Fairview United, Wednesday; in Haney Thursday. He will speak at the Powell United Friday evening on the subject, "Why I Went to China."

Parents and Students Confer Again

With four parents, yet to be named, as guest speakers the fourth annual Parents Students Meeting of the Japanese Students Club will be held at the Nippon Club on Saturday, November 23rd, at 7:30 p.m.

The annual affair held every year is, as the name suggests, a means of creating better understanding between the parents and the students and also to acquaint the parents with the activities of the Club.

In addition to the above speakers there will be two student speakers and members of the Club will take part in the musical entertainment.

All those interested are cordially invited tocome to this meeting.

RED CROSS News Notes

The Japanese Canadian Red Cross Unit gratefully acknowledged a generous donation of $10 from the members of the Kumamoto Young People's Association.

Also received by the unit was a donation of $15 from the Hompa Young Women's Buddhist Association, in commemoration of their fifteenth anniversary. To all the members of both of these organizations, the Red Cross Unit extends its sincerest thanks for their generous support.

Trinity Group

The Hastings East Group No. 2, under Captain Yoshiko Tanabe, has changed its name to the "Trinity" group. The group will hold its next meeting Thursday, November 21, at 8 p.m. in the Nippon Club.

All those interested in Red Cross work are cordially invited to attend the Unit "Work Night" held at the Nippon Club every first Thursday of the month.

Winter Clothing Campaign

A nation-wide campaign in the women's and children's wear industry, for the making of at least $100,000 worth of new winter clothing to be sent to air-raid victims in the British Isles has been launched. Facilities of the Canadian Red Cross will be used to ship the clothing overseas for distribution to needy people.

Capital City News

Kawasoe Captures Island Oratory

Muneo Kawasoe, with his topic: "Assimilation Before Franchise," was declared winner of the Third Annual Vancouver Island Oratorical Contest held November 7 at the Gogakko Hall. He received the Kagetsu Challenge Trophy emblematic of the Island Championship and also a miniature cup, a gift from the chapter.

Marion Yoneda was the winner of the second prize, a silver cup, with her speech "Determination."

Others entered in the contest were Fumiko Shimizu speaking on "Red Cross" and Tsutomu Shimizu on "What is Wrong with the JCCL?"

Judges for the event were Miss Wilma H. Gardner, Mr. John Baxter and Rev. Bryce Wallace.

Held with the financial aid of the Chemainus Chapter, the well attended affair was under the chairmanship of Masao Kuwabara.

The evening was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem with George Kuwata at the piano.

After the programme the members of the JCCL executive were hosts at a delightful tea in honor of the contestants and judges at the home of Mrs. T. Yoneda.

"JCCL"

last Saturday night. In his speech, "Voice of a Nisei," he emphasized the need for spiritual cultivation by the second generation.

Runner-up was Muneo Kawasoe, with his oration entitled "Assimilation Before Franchise," who won the Kagetsu trophy as champion of Vancouver Island.

Other speakers included Marion Yoneda of Victoria, last year's Island champion; Henry Ide and Yoshimitsu Higashi, both of Vancouver.

Judges were Dr. Norman F. Black, Rev. K. Shimizu and Carleton Clay, while the Japanese consul, Hon. Kenji Nakauchi presented the Nemichi Challenge Trophy to Champion Tamaki. (See p. 6.)

CONVENTION PIC READY

The Columbia Studio announces that the photograph of the delegates to the annual JCCL convention are now available, and orders may be placed by mail, telephone or in person with the studio at 313 Main Street.

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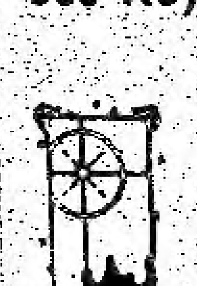
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"Voice Of A Nisei"

Winner of the Nemichi Challenge Cup and the Mainland Challenge Trophy donated by Mr. Hisaoka at the Third Annual Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Japanese Canadian Citizens League Saturday evening was Thomas T. Tanaka of Sunbury. Mr. Tanaka, at present the chairman of the Delta-East Richmond-Surrey Chapter of the JCCL, has long been an earnest member of the group. A brilliant student, he was awarded the Junior Matriculation scholarship for the Lower Fraser Valley District upon graduating from high school.

WHATEVER my misgivings may be, simply indignant with the predominance of competitors from the cities in these oratorical contests I have gathered up enough courage and perhaps enough temerity to carry the banner for the honest, the modest, the retiring country folks!

We Japanese Canadians have long been harassed by the poisoned barbs and the thoughtless babblings of a few cheap politicians who would further their own ends by blaming their failures upon an innocent people. However, it would be foolish and unfair to evaluate all our Canadian people by this ignorant minority as it would be to measure our Japanese by the few who have failed to live up to our traditions or our responsibilities.

George Bernard Shaw has said that we are witnessing a race between civilization and chaos—with chaos well in the lead. In other words, we are living in a world gone mad—a world in which nations reach out their leperous hands to seize from their weaker neighbours what they could have received by peaceful exchange.

We have our faults and the Nisei are by no means an exception. Some of us are too indifferent and careless about our future welfare seeking, if at all, some unwarranted special advantages and expecting someone to lead us to our salvation. This is the great curse of our group!

AT first glance, there would appear to be some truth in the theory of evolution. If man evolved slowly from the apes, he is plunging headlong down that course again! And the ape may look upon man, consoled by the fact that he did not spend a million years or more in a useless struggle.

The law of the jungle prevails in the affairs of man but in the jungle animals do not prey upon those of their own species. Man is less intelligent in this respect. Man's inhumanity to man has brought civilization to the verge of destruction.

Ignorance and prejudice are the weapons of the dictators. By keeping the people in ignorance, it is possible to capitalize on their fears. Edmund Burke, one of Great Britain's greatest statesmen, once said that the true aim of leadership is the disposing the people to a better sense of their condition.

Instead the politician bends all his efforts to still contract still further the narrowness of men's ideas, to conform inveterate prejudice, to inflame vulgar passions, and to abet all sorts of popular prejudice.

IN this world of chaos and confusion, of intolerance and prejudice, of antagonisms and discrimination, I believe there is a vast need for men and women with intelligence and goodwill, men and women with intellectual virtues fostered by education, men and women with moral virtues fostered by religion.

For often the term "education" is considered as something to be secured by students or those who seek professions. But my conception of true education is a life-long process which gives us wisdom rather than mere knowledge and therefore education determines our attitude and outlook upon life in general.

However, mere education making for intelligence is not enough but there is a great need for love and tolerance and understanding.

Fundamentally the principles of religion coincide with the principles of education. Every religion is a struggle from ignorance to knowledge and therefore it is an active influence in the affairs of mankind. I believe religion can demand equality of human rights out of respect for human persons regardless of race or creed colour or class, politics or wealth. Each religion observes its moral and spiritual ideal but the fundamental principles of them all are the same.

TRUE religion which distinguishes between right and wrong reveals the tragedy of inhuman ways. It preaches universal brotherhood that man may understand his fellow man.

True religion gives us faith—that indefinable something to hold unto when everybody and everything seems to have deserted us. True religion gives us peace—peace within ourselves and the conviction that man's finest qualities are justice and love, sincerity and truth, friendship and understanding.

Said Alderman Wilson: "True religion must play a greater part in the affairs of man. We must have the application of the moral truths of religion through politics to industry and social problems. We require an awakened social consciousness based on the teachings of Jesus Christ." Yes, I have found hope and comfort in the Bible, the world's greatest book of knowledge. It has answers to all our problems—national and individual—and the truth is always found there.

"Where there is no vision a people perish." True education teaches us to reach our own conclusions by thinking critically and independently and make our own decisions of right and wrong, of good and evil on the basis of real knowledge and not as is often the case on that of real emotional prejudice. True education which appeals to reason seeks truth rather than to achieve some special selfish interest. As education increases, we learn to take a more urbane attitude towards human beings and towards one another.

Yes, I believe education reinforced by religion is the greatest factor in moulding our character making for peace, satisfaction and inspiration.

We, Niseis, should not be too greatly disappointed or concerned because we have failed to gain the right to vote. Those who have that right have failed to make good use of it. It is ever becoming more apparent that our ills will not be cured by the franchise. We see today the culmination of the age-long struggle between good and evil. All that man can do is to throw his weight on the side of good!

THE dawn of a new day is about to break. What can we do to hasten that day? We can set an example as good citizens which will prove the lie to the petty-souled traducers who would persecute us. We can be thankful that we live in a land where such harpies are so small a minority and where our future depends not on their prejudice but upon how we conduct ourselves as patriotic Canadians. We must learn to turn the other cheek, to be industrious seekers after wisdom.

Our parents met their trials unflinchingly and courageously and whenever they found their life in this country unbearable, they had the alternative to return to their native land of Japan. But to us Niseis, Canada is our home and native land. We have received as a legacy a heavy [illegible]. But we have the opportunity to make for ourselves a wonderful future. It is our task and duty to establish ourselves [illegible] Canadian life.

"Assimilation Before Franchise"

For Minoru Kawasoe, winner of the Vancouver Island Challenge Trophy donated by Mr. E. Kaetsu, symbolic of Island Oratorical supremacy, the [illegible] familiar surroundings of the Japanese Hall proved no stumbling block [illegible] a close second. A budding young orator of first rank, Mr. Kawasoe is [illegible] sportsman in addition to his active participation in the Victoria JCCL [illegible] present captaining the Taiyo Club entry in the Capital City Nisei Basketball League.

ONLY a few years ago the word franchise did not hold much significance for us; in fact, many of us had only a hazy idea of its meaning. We were more interested in the word, "Franchise."

The reason for the thirteen-year-old struggle waged by the Japanese veterans of the first World War was the "Franchise." The basic reason for the formation of the JCCL was the "Franchise." The first has been successful—the second, not yet.

A lot of time and effort has been spent and is still being spent toward the gaining of the franchise. But stop to consider: Will the right to vote solve our problems? Will it give us what we want most—social and economic equality? Did the right to vote put the Japanese Great War Veterans on a friendlier basis with the White Canadians, did it better their chances to make a more decent living? The sad answer to all this is: "No, it did not!"

We, the Japanese Canadians, the Nisei, have been so steeped in this quest for the franchise that we have been forgetting that first, we must prove beyond a shadow of doubt that we are true citizens in the fullest sense of the word, fully deserving of those rights and privileges accorded to every man and woman of a democratic nation. Aside from the physical and biological aspect of the case, there must be a complete assimilation before we can even hope to secure economic and political equality.

OUR problem of assimilation did not begin with the series of international crises a few years ago, nor did it begin with our birth. It began with the first Japanese immigrant into Canada. When our fathers and grandfathers first came to this country it was usually with the sole intention of making a better living. Their contacts with the White Canadians were confined to occupational situations. Associations of a social nature, such as we enjoy in school, church and recreations were denied the great majority of the first generation, mainly because of the language handicap.

Meeting the Canadians as they did in the same occupations, the competition became keen; as competition increased, feeling became personal and bitter. It finally broke out in open conflict in what is now known as the Vancouver riot of 1907. Resentment against Japanese competition flared up again after the Great War when some of the returning soldiers found their jobs filled by immigrants from the Orient.

But organized labour gradually awoke to the fact that it was defeating its own aims by discrimination against the Japanese. Labour came to the conclusion that the solution to the problem was to invite the Japanese to become partners in its fight for higher wages and shorter working week. By raising the standard of the Japanese, they hoped to reduce their advantage in competition. In recent years a Canadian Trades and Labour Congress convention held here in Vancouver passed a resolution requesting the Government of British Columbia to amend the Provincial Elections Act, to insure that "every native born Canadian shall receive equality of treatment and full rights of citizenship." Although this resolution has never been accepted, it marks the first big step towards assimilation.

BUT as the Japanese ventured out as farmers, fishermen and businessmen, each in turn met with hostility. Today, especially in the case of the small business man and fisherman, discrimination and agitation by irresponsible people are as bad as ever.

Those people who lose out in competition against the Japanese are usually the ones to create misunderstanding and prejudice amongst the Occidentals. By means of newspapers, meetings and organizations the few air their grievances and demand protection from a foreign-born competitor with a lower standard of living who is depriving good native white citizens of their livelihood. Is this type of propaganda just? Decidedly not, but it is about the only side of the question that the average Canadian ever hears or reads of.

THEREFORE it is the duty of the Nisei to convince a suspicious public that we are not as the Oriental immigrants who were satisfied with sub-standard wages and living conditions as long as they made some measure of wealth to take back with them to the country of their birth, but that we are Canadians to whom Canada is home, a home that we have pledged allegiance to, a home that we love and cherish, a home in which our entire future lies.

The problem is grave—grave because it is not one that can be tackled by physical force, nor can it be solved verbally. It is a problem that demands patience, tolerance, human understanding and above all, determination.

There is not much sense in any or all of us shouting at the top of our lungs that we are being treated unjustly, nor is it of any use making representations to the press or to various organizations. These methods have been tried before but have met with no success.

WHAT course can we take, then? Since we wish to convince the Canadian public that we are as they in loyalties and interests, we should adopt Occidental customs more thoroughly. Trivial things such as the use of the Japanese language on the streets and the totally unnecessary and often embarrassing Japanese custom of bowing low in salutation even when in public, should be eliminated. These may seem mere details but they do set us apart as foreign in the eyes of a Canadian.

School life is usually a good start in assimilation, but the Nisei too often loses all contact with his Canadian friends as soon as he leaves school. Try to keep the friendship of your schoolmates, in business or in pleasure and you will have won not only a life-long friend for yourself, but a friend for the Nisei cause.

Then there are those people we meet in every-day life. They do not regard us as individuals, but rather as representatives of a racial group. Thus, a single foolish word or action on the part of any one Nisei may change the attitude of an entire community. Therefore I repeat that it is the duty of every Nisei to accept as his personal responsibility the cultivation of friendship and mutual understanding with his fellow-Canadians.

It is through contacts made [illegible] that we must show the Canadian [illegible] our position, our interests and our loyalties. Not until we have accomplished [illegible] until we have won the complete confidence and trust of the people [illegible] righteously look forward [illegible] of full citizenship.

And we shall know [illegible] our ultimate victory when [illegible] known to the people [illegible] Nisei, not as Japanese [illegible] simply as Canadians.

In the face of present [illegible] sentiment, how can we [illegible] There are many solutions to [illegible] of assimilation. Some are [illegible] others are quite difficult [illegible] not each requires an honest [illegible] part of every Nisei [illegible]

Englewood Aids Canada's War Effort

By K. K.

After a long absence from these columns, once again we write in behalf of our fellow Englewoodians who, we hope, always look for this column.

The Nisei organization here, the Englewood Young Men's Association is in danger of collapse. The chief trouble seems to be the impossibility of securing a president, since none of the members wishes to accept the responsibilities of office. Without a president, the functioning of the club is out of the question.

Support for Canada's war effort is being given most enthusiastically from the Japanese community here. Donations of large sums toward the Red Cross Society have been acknowledged by many appreciative letters.

War savings certificates, too, are popular. Each employee purchases at least one $5.00 certificate per month.

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Several of the local boys were ordered to report for medical examinations some time ago, when the first draft notices were sent out. They were Sam Kai, Nichi Omotani, Y. Yamada. Notified in the 22-year-old group were "Six" Fujiki, S. Adachi and Shig Kawasaki. Two others in this group were not notified.

East Richo-Chats

By "Chatter"

Residents of this district have noted with great interest the fulfillment of persistent rumours that the Hon. J. E. Michaud, minister of fisheries, would resign to assume a position as supreme court justice in New Brunswick.

The successor to Mr. Michaud is expected to be Burton Hill, M.P. for Charlotte, New Brunswick.

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Farewell Fetes

Farewell parties were held recently in New Westminster in honour of Mr. S. Kanno, Mr. T. Suda, and for Mrs. T. Onotera and her two daughters and son, Nobuko, Yasuko and Tsukeo.

The former two expect to leave for Japan at the end of this month, while Mrs. Onotera and family will follow at the end of the year.

To all of you folks, and to the Nobuko and Yasuko especially (members of the local JCCL) a hearty "Bon voyage!"

Congratulations . . .

To Mr. and Mrs. S. Yamamura, upon the recent second visit of Mr. Stork. Born recently was a bouncing baby boy. Both mother and child are doing well.

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I'VE often wondered on this hara-kiri business and tried to reconcile the Japanese idea of an honorable death to the western idea of the coward's way out.

Most of us Niseis have been weaned on the glorious deeds and still more glorious ends of the national heroes of Japan. Think of them! Masashige! Chushingura! The great Nogi Taisho! These were the heroes that fired one's imagination and thrilled us to the core. Each of these types committed *hara-kiri* for a different reason, but for all of them the deed was the only honorable end.

There were statistics on the rate of suicide in Japan once, and I think the figures were the highest by far than those of any other country. Even discounting the enormous number of *shinju* or love-suicide, still there are enough of *hara-kiri* to confound the western mind on the queer Japanese psychology.

To the Nisei, whose blood is of the blood of these heroes, and who are taught, or rather who have acquired the knowledge here that suicide is the quickest way out of a bad mess, and is generally conceded to be the coward's way out of fighting, there must be strange conflicting emotions on this subject. Let's not be morbid, but let's wonder a bit on the Nisei's probable reaction to an impasse, a cul-de-sac, a dead-end, where there is no conceivable way out, when there must be an answer of some sort.

I think the natural instinct of the Nisei would be fatalism, an acceptance of, shall we say Fate, and if they were not the ruminating kind, they might just go off the deep end and make an end of it. But, on the other hand, in every human heart there is a will-to-live. The western idea is that one must live to keep on fighting all and every obstacle, never to give in to what they call a "weak resignation." If one died naturally in the fighting, well that was that, and to be condoned. But fight, says the westerner, fight though the battle is lost, never surrender to fatalism.

One does not wish to make any false statements, but from the way I understand the Japanese people, if one of them were to—if we put it colloquially—make a mess of things, he loses "face" and can never hold up his head among his comrades again. The only way to erase any dishonour is to commit *hara-kiri*. Then he regains the respect of those around him.

Or, if he is making a losing fight as Masashige did, and could not bear the thought of inevitable defeat, to save himself from disgrace he commits *hara-kiri*. Or like the 47 *Ronin* who first avenged their Lord's assassination, and then committed wholesale suicide in one of the most impressive of any such acts. Or like Nogi Taisho, who could not think of living after his beloved Emperor had died, and accompanied his liege lord to Nirvana. You have your choice of similar stories that grace the pages of Japanese history like scarlet threads of glory.

These conflicting beliefs I treat will never confuse the Nisei. Only the Japanese will understand *honourable suicide*. The rest of the world calls it the coward's way out. Which do you think is right?

Basketball League

Int. All Stars Shine As Seniors Start Sloppily

The Japanese Basketball League finally swung into action and made its debut into the sports calendar of the new season last Tuesday. The feature game between Maikawa's and M. & N. was a slow and most uninteresting game with a lot of unnecessary rough stuff going on. Both teams were very sadly off form, missing easy set-ups, but the defending champs finally nosed out Mr. Nose's outfit 26-23.

The exhibition till between Harry's and the intermediate all-stars was a faster, more interesting game, with the youngsters leading the offensive most of the way. Shig Ashikawa's big 21 points, however, made the big difference as the fighting crew of intermediates fell 34-21.

Manager Michi Ashikawa scowled and beamed on the bench as his squad took and lost the lead as the teams went at it basket for basket. Maikawa's hard-practiced figure eight play failed to click as players collided with one another in the limited floor space. The high point getters of the game was Harry Nikaido and George Suzuki with 7 apiece and Kay Hirano with 6.

Proof that some of the intermediates are good enough for the seniors any day was much in evidence as their rep team tackled this year's strong Harry's quintette. With hard-checking Toru Togawa sitting on ace sniper Shig Ashikawa, the "champ" could only get 5 points in the first half. Shig, however found the range in the second half and started potting them in from all directions and amassed a grand total of digits to his credit.

Mits Shimoda, a smoothie from Port Moody lately hailed into Ernie's, led the all-stars with 7 points, while Jinx Miike and Toru Tokawa garnered 5 apiece.

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Maikawa—Ii, Nikaido 7, Maruno 2, Mitsui 2, Uno 1, Onizuka, Suga 4, Ishida 5, Takeda 4, F. Nikaido—Total 26.

M. & N.—Ide 1, Tanaka 1, Nishio 2, Suzuki 7, Hirano 6, Yamada 3—Total 23.

Score by Quarters:				
Maikawa	8	11	17	26
M. & N.	4	10	18	23

Harry's—Hori 3, Ashikawa 21, Onishi 2, Wakabayashi 2, Yanagizawa, Akiyama 4, Hashimoto 2—Total 34.

Intermediates—S. Miike 2, Nishimura, Takada, J. Miike 5, T. Togawa 5, Shimoda 7, Suga 1, Fukumoto 1, A. Togawa—Total 21.

Score by Quarters:				
Harry's	6	17	24	34
Intermediates	8	13	16	21

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Strathcona Shuttlers Seek First Win

Reps Conquer Haney In Exhibition Tilt

The hardy shuttlers from the local centre traversed all the way to Haney last Tuesday for an exhibition tilt with the newly entered Haney entry in the Japanese Badminton League.

Playing a good brand of badminton, the hosts proved their worth and though the city shuttlers emerged victorious they were met with a lot of tough opposition.

Haney's ace duo combination of Mac Tamura and Toru Kobayashi trounced veteran Japanese League's Gakuyukai couple of Oshimo and Maikawa while the fair Haney-ites Kay Yamaga, Rose Takahashi and Alice Omura proved their mettle against Vi Inouye, Ray Oyama, Lily Ide and Sadako Iwasa from the city.

According to secretary Mat Matsqui the Haney shuttlers are undoubtedly of a calibre equal to the Japanese League, and should put up some stiff fights for the local shuttlers this winter.

The next game for the city shuttlers in the G.V.A.A. League will be on the 21st of November against Chalmers. It will be their first home game and the Strathconas are wreaking for revenge for their loss at the hands of Shaughnessy Bees last Friday.

The probable men starters for this second game will be hard-smashing "Baron" Wakabayashi teamed up with Shig Okumura and Mas Matsui assisting Tommy Iwasaki. The ladies' section delegation will be the choice of four from Lucy Koyanagi, Fumi Deshmia, Mary Saegusa, Pat Kawajiri, Mary Nishikawara and Haruko Maruno.

Cardinals Blu-Belles Silver Seven

After quibbling over the color of their uniforms and the names of the teams for the past couple of weeks, the fair members of the Cagette League finally came to a settlement.

Choosing maroon as their color, captain Akiko Yoshinaka's team will be listed as "Cardinals" in the league setup, while Joyce Ikeda's white bloused girls will call themselves the "Silver 7." The third team captained by Haruko Marumo selected blue for their color and picked a high falutin' name "Blu-belles."

The League which was scheduled for action this week has been postponed again and will not start until the 26th of November.

This year for the first time hoop fans will be able to witness the fair sex, shouting and shrieking, making an attempt at basketball. The girls under the steady coaching of Kaz Suga, Ken Fujioka and Johnny Tanaka have shown a vast amount of improvement.

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"BUGS" BARDSLEY

Stop Press! Hold everything! The famous basketballer, Jimmy "Bugs" Bardsley will speak at the first get-together planned by the officials of the Basketball League to be held at the Nippon Club Thursday Nov. 21 at 8 p.m.

An all-around athlete Bardsley really needs no introduction to sports fans, but his name shines most brilliantly in the basketball world. A member of half a dozen championship cage teams, he led the Westerns, twice Dominion champs, to Japan last summer on a barnstorming tour.

Every member of the League — seniors, intermediates, juniors, girls and anybody interested is urged to turn out to hear the inimitable "Bugs."

Playing a much improved brand of melon-tossing from that of last year the intermediate division of the Japanese Basketball League swung into action with three scheduled games played off.

Marpole Shellack Celtic.

A curtain raiser to the senior games last Tuesday, the twice-champion Marpole team unleashed a beautifully coordinated attack and thoroughly shellacked the bewildered Celtic lads 49-9. Celtics were unable to pierce the stone wall defence of the taller Marpole lads and failed to score even one basket during the first half. Miike brothers, Jinx and Sub, took the drivers seat and piled in 17 and 15 digits respectively.

Jim Togawa's highly improved East End Monarchs proved too much for the newly entered Nippatsu's and although they were checked hard they breezed in easy 24-7 victors. Kutsukake with 4 and Saito with 3 points were the only scorers for the losers.

The most closely contested game of the opening nights was the Ernie-Nomad tussle. This game formed a fitting climax to the unusually sloppy openers as the Nomads nosed out Ernies by one basket 21-19

Sharpshooter Suga.

Ernie sharpshooter Kiyoshi Suga sparkled brilliantly for the losers sinking impossible shots from every angle on the floor for a total of 13 pts. A very acute case of fumbles affected the Ernie quintette as they lost many opportunities for an easy victory.

GAMES NEXT WEEK

Tues.:	7 p.m.:	Nippatsu-Celtic
	8 p.m.:	Nomads-Steveston
	9 p.m.:	Girls
Wed.:	7 p.m.:	Marpole-Monarchs
	8 p.m.:	M. G. N.-All-Stars
	9 p.m.:	Maikawa-Harry's
Junior Games this Saturday:		
	6 p.m.:	Trojans-Tuxis
	7 p.m.:	Yehudis-Marpole
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● Sport SPOTLITE

Things are beginning to hum once again in the local sports front and it's none too soon to please me. Tuesday night saw the grand opening of the Japanese Basketball League. When I say grand it was just for formalities' sake. Either the cold weather kept the usual fans away or they must have foreseen the brand of melon-tossing to be seen that night. Sitting in the cold, unheated gym from 7 till 10, my teeth chattering and my toes frozen stiff, watching the most uninteresting game, my only compensation was the swell feed put up by Mr. Nose of the M G N outfit.

When a senior manager laughingly stated that the intermediate all-stars might beat the senior leaguers, he didn't know how close he was to the truth. Sparked by Kiyoshi Suga, Mits Shimoda, Miike brothers and Toru Togawa, the faster intermediates put up the nicest exhibition of basketball played of the opening nights. Their passing surer and faster, their shots just as accurate, the all-stars looked like winners for a while until Shig Ashikawa found the range and went to town potting them in from every angle for 21 points. A couple of more times together and the all-stars are going to start chalking up wins.

MISSION

Ernie's in the Intermediate League would like to challenge the Mission team that played the Nomads a couple of weeks ago. Please get in touch with The New Canadian as soon as you can for particulars.

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